



Canadian Martyrs Church

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Our community respectfully acknowledges that we are situated on the unceded ancestral lands and waters of the Algonquin people, on whose territory we live, pray, work, and grow in faith and understanding.

Mass Schedule

Tuesday-Friday at 11:30am

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 10:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday-Friday at 10:45am

Saturday at 4:15pm

Pastor

Fr. Tim Coonen, OMI

Administrative Assistant

Heather Duggan

Pastoral Associate

Sr. Matilda Owolagba

Director of Religious Ed.

Adele Casuga Lalonde

Pastoral Council

Sheila Foy-Connolly

Meetings: 1st Thurs., 7pm

Finance Council

Joseph Duggan

Development and Peace

Anna Dorner

Weekly Gatherings

Christian Meditation

Dorothy Wood

Mondays, 3pm, via Zoom

except last Monday of the

month, 2:30pm in the church

Lectio Divina & Meditation

Maureen Cerroni

Tuesdays, 8pm, via Zoom

Evening Prayer

Pierre LaViolette

Thurs., 6:30pm, [via Zoom](#)

RCIA

Parish RCIA Team

Sundays, 9am, Parish Centre

PASSION SUNDAY

APRIL 12/13, 2025

“Christ became obedient for us to death, even death on a Cross. Therefore God exalted him, and gave him the name above every name.”

Philippians 2.8-9

Today, as we receive the Eucharist, let us recall with great gratitude the sacrifice that Jesus made for us.

How does Christ serve you? How does his service inspire you to worship God?

How do you honour the name of Jesus?

Living with Christ, Sunday Missal, Novalis

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PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Debbie Artman, Carol Bazinet, Isabella Boles, Devin Bursey, Sandy Cano, Frank Chauvin, Nathalie Comeau, Austin DeCoste, Molly Fraser, Richmond Guillermo, Eileen Kearns, Marigold Kenney, Sandra LaPointe, Tony Lim, Wayne, Liz and Ian MacDonald, John Peart, Fr. Vaughan Quinn, Br. Len Rego, Jeff Stadtmueller, Mike Staples

MASS INTENTIONS

Fri., April 25 The Brown family by Theresa; **Wed., April 23** For peace in the world by Yvonne Bennett; **Sat., April 26** Mary Davis by former parishioners of St. Margaret Mary Church; **Tues., April 29** Albert Casuga by the Lalonde family; **Wed., April 30** The Bennett family by Yvonne Bennett, John Dorner by Anna Dorner; **Sat., May 3** Laura Craigen-Medeiros by Rosemarie Hoey

EVENTS/MEETINGS

Sun., April 13 - Sun., April 20: Holy Week

Thurs., April 17 - Sun., April 20: Liturgy of the Hours for the Triduum

Sat. April 26: Family Easter Craft Night after Mass

Sun., April 27: Lunch and Learn after the 10am Mass

Sat., May 3: Pizza night after Mass

Sun., May 4: YAC Mass, 7pm

Our Parish News

PASSION SUNDAY MASSES

Weather permitting, we will gather outside in the parking lot for the blessing of the palms and then process down the driveway to the front door of the church. **Please bring in your palms from past years as we use them to make ashes for Ash Wednesday.**

Our palm crosses are purchased through a project of the Palm Association of Africa, a charitable trust managed by African Palms UK. The project was started in the 1960's by the Rev. Alan John Talbot. To read more, please visit: <https://africanpalms.co.uk/about/>

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE

Our target this Lent is to collect **750 non-perishable food and hygiene items** to be given to the [Centretown Community Food Centre](#) for people in need in our community. Collection bins are in the church foyer. We have delivered over 400 items to the Food Centre already! You are also invited to bring in non-perishable food items for the procession on Holy Thursday, **April 17** at 7pm.

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS

We are looking for volunteers to be altar servers/presider's assistants and greeters at our weekend Masses. Please [contact](#) the office if you need more information or if you are interested in volunteering. Training is provided.

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

All are invited to a reception after the Easter Vigil on Saturday, **April 19**. The parish will provide the wine and cheese, and we will welcome donations of sweet or savoury items. Please [email](#) the office if you can bring something to share. Thank you!

FAMILY EASTER CRAFT NIGHT

Save the date! Family Night is coming to Canadian Martyrs on Saturday, **April 26**. Please join us after 5pm Mass for Easter crafts, pizza and fun! Pizza is \$3 per slice, and drinks are \$1. You can [pre-register](#), so we have an idea of the crafts/supplies, but drop-ins are welcome too!

LUNCH AND LEARN, APRIL 27

Pope Francis inaugurated the 2025 Jubilee Year on December 24, 2024, asking us all to become "Pilgrims of Hope". How will you commemorate this Jubilee Year? On Sunday, **April 27** after the 10am Mass, our parish has invited Joe Gunn, an accomplished speaker and activist on social and environmental concerns, to describe the deep Biblical roots of Jubilee traditions, and then highlight

Jubilee 2025 themes of canceling debts, caring for people and the land, and ending poverty and inequality. All are welcome!

TURN DEBT INTO HOPE: THANK YOU!

Thank you for giving from the heart to Share Lent 2025! Development and Peace - Caritas Canada thanks you for supporting the *Turn Debt into Hope* campaign with your Share Lent donation. The donations will help support our sisters and brothers in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. If you have not yet had a chance to give, you can still place your Share Lent envelope in the offertory or donate online at devp.org/give. Thank you for continuing to pray for all those who are working to build a world of peace and justice.

LITURGY OF THE HOURS FOR THE TRIDUUM

You are invited to join the celebration of a few of the hours of the Divine Office (a.k.a. Liturgy of the Hours or Breviary) during the Triduum. This initiative, along with a weekly celebration of Evening Prayer during the rest of the year, began over three decades ago at Holy Cross Parish. It migrated to St. Margaret Mary Parish and now is continued here at Holy Canadian Martyrs Parish. With the pandemic, the weekly Evening Prayer and the Liturgy of the Hours during the Triduum were moved online, where they presently still find a home. You can find the schedule and Zoom link for the Liturgy of the Hours during the Triduum on [our website](#) or in the bulletin email.

JOURNEY OF ENCOUNTER: SYNODALITY

Be part of an upcoming gathering, *Journey of Encounter: Pilgrims of Hope Embracing Synodality*, to be held **June 15-18**, at St. Jerome's University in Waterloo, Ontario. For more information, visit <https://www.synodalchurch.ca/>. Registration Fee - \$175, accommodation and meals are extra. [Registration](#) deadline: **May 29**. You may be able to [save on travel costs by joining a group of 10 people, traveling by ViaRail from Ottawa](#). Janyce Elser-Ethier, a parishioner, is organizing this group. If you'd like to join this group, contact her: elserethierjanyce@gmail.com or 613-445-5345. We are hoping that as a group, we may qualify for a discounted fare.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

The Holy Week schedule can be found on the back of the bulletin, on [our website](#) and on cards at the entrances to the church.

Diocesan and Community News

IMMACULATA DRAMA PRESENTS...

Join in for a night of fright and excitement at Immaculata High School, 140 Main St., as [Immaculata Drama](#) presents *The Evil Dead, the Musical—High School Version*. Show dates: **April 10, 11, and 12** at 7pm and **April 13** at 1pm. Tickets are \$12. Pay at the door.

MUSIC FROM THE HEART

Attend a concert in support of Centre 507: *Songs from across Canada*, featuring the Nepean Choir and friends, Sunday, **April 13**, 2pm at Trinity United Church, 1099 Maitland Ave. Tickets are \$15 (children 12 and under are free) and available in advance at www.nepeanchoir.ca or at the door on concert day.

SONGS FOR ST. JOE'S SUPPER TABLE

Hosted by the Ottawa Regional Youth Choir, and featuring the Ottawa Children's Chamber Choir, the Ottawa Catholic School Board Children's and Chamber choirs, as well as the English Montreal School Board Senior Chorale, this annual fundraiser on **April 13**, 3 - 5pm, supports the food program run at St. Joseph's Parish. All are welcome, and admission is by donation, which you can do in advance at [this site](#) or on concert day, by cash/card.

CHRISM MASS

On **April 15** at 5pm at the Notre-Dame Cathedral, 385 Sussex Ave., you are invited to celebrate the [Chrism Mass](#). The Chrism Mass is an annual Mass where our Archdiocese gathers together to receive the new holy oils for the year. Priests renew their vows and the Archbishop blesses three different oils which are then distributed to parishes: the Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens, and the Sacred Chrism.

WAY OF THE CROSS (GOOD FRIDAY)

The Way of the Cross on Good Friday, **April 18**, 9:30am - 12:30pm with prayers, songs, and reflections led by Msgr. Marcel Damphousse, Archbishop of Ottawa-Cornwall starting from St. Patrick's Basilica, 220 Kent St., through the streets of downtown Ottawa and ending at Notre Dame Cathedral Basilica, 385 Sussex Dr.

HIKE FOR LIFE 2025

This year's [Hike for Life](#), Action Life's annual major fundraiser, will be held on Saturday, **April 26**, from 8am to 12pm. The start and end point is Saint Theresa's Parish Hall, located at 95 Somerset Street West. The official kick off is at 9:00am. The hike is 5k in length and is walked or

jogged along the Rideau Canal. Friends and family are welcome! For more information: 613-798-4494 or info@actionlife.org.

JUBILEE BOOK STUDY

Join KAIROS Canada for a weekly online book study of Robin Wall Kimmerer's book, *The Serviceberry; Abundance and Reciprocity in the Natural World* to be held on three Tuesday evenings at 7pm from **April 22 to May 6**. \$10 per session. [Register here](#).

EARTH DAY FESTIVAL

Join a day of eco-friendly fun and community action at the Earth Day Festival! Celebrate our planet with engaging activities, sustainability workshops, and family-friendly entertainment at McNabb Park (Gladstone Ave & Bronson Ave) on Saturday, **April 26**, 10am - 2pm (Rain Date: Sunday, April 27). Come together with neighbours, local organizations, and environmental advocates to learn, share, and take action for a greener future!

PILGRIMAGE TO THE MARTYRS' SHRINE

During this Jubilee Year, Divine Infant Parish and Council 7873 Knights of Columbus, who are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the establishment of the Knights in Ontario, are hosting a pilgrimage from **May 20-22** to the [Martyrs' Shrine](#) and [St. Marie Among the Hurons](#) with a stop in Wilno at [St. Mary's Church](#). Cost is \$360pp which includes bus transportation, hotel, entrance to shrines etc., daily breakfast, and one dinner. Deadline to register: **April 20**. For more info, contact at paul.bourke@sympatico.ca or at 343-550-1740. There are 12 spots still available!

2025 FEDERAL ELECTION GUIDE

The [2025 Federal Election Guide](#), from the Commission on Justice and Peace of The Canadian Council of Churches is now available!

"The Canadian Council of Churches is pleased to release the 2025 Federal Election Guide. While issues such as relations with the United States and affordability dominate the ballot, it is important to be reminded of the justice issues that Canadian churches have been addressing together. May the call for "elbows up" be complemented by a determination to link arms in solidarity. As we discern the path ahead for Canada and vote accordingly, may we practice deep listening and empathy with all people in Canada." Pastor Peter Noteboom, General Secretary

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HOLY WEEK

AT HOLY CANADIAN MARTYRS CHURCH
100 MAIN STREET

Tuesday, 15 April, 2025

11:30am Daily Mass

Wednesday, 16 April, 2025

11:30am Daily Mass

Holy Thursday, 17 April, 2025

7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday, 18 April, 2025

3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion

Easter Vigil, 19 April, 2025

8:00pm Resurrection of the Lord

Easter Sunday, 20 April, 2025

10:00am Mass



PARISH REGISTRATION: The registration form is available at the back of the church or can be accessed at <http://canadianmartyrs.org/register/>.

DONATIONS: Forms are available on the Welcome Table in the church foyer if you wish to make donations through direct deposit. If you wish to donate via credit card through Canada Helps, [please click here](#). Please call the office if you would like a box of offering envelopes. Thank you!

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK: Please contact the office to inform us of shut-ins or people in hospital so that we can arrange to bring Holy Communion and administer the Sacrament of the Sick, if desired.

BAPTISM PREPARATION: Please contact the office to schedule a baptism.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION: Please contact the office to set up an interview with our pastor. It is recommended that the first contact be a minimum of 6 months before the wedding.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL MINUTES: The minutes of Parish Pastoral Council meetings can be [found here](#) and on the Welcome Table. The Pastoral Plan 2020-2025 can be [found here](#).

FOOD DONATIONS: Non-perishable food items for the Centretown Community Food Centre are collected on an on-going basis. Please place food items in the crates in the church foyer.

MILK BAGS: Milk bags are collected for making into sleeping mats. Please bring in the outer coloured bags and put them in the baskets under the table in the hall near the breezeway.

507 SANDWICH CLUB: If you are interested in volunteering for the 507 Sandwich Club, [please click here](#). If you would like to donate towards the sandwich ingredients, [please click here](#) (choose 507 Sandwich Club fund).